THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

Total sanitation campaign under Panchayati Raj

† 887. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total sanitation campaign under the Panchayati Raj;

(b) the number of districts (Janpad) in Uttar Pradesh in which above campaign is being conducted;

(c) the names of districts for which State Government has requested the Central Government to release the next instalment of Centre's share under the above campaign; and

(d) the details of the decision taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) Information on the subject is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Funds sanctioned for rural development through panchayats

888. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crores of rupees are being sanctioned for rural development through Panchayats;

(b) if so, how many stages are involved before the money sanctioned by Central Government reaches Panchayats;

(c) the steps being taken to cut down the number of stages/leaves; and

(d) the checks applied to ensure that the money given to Panchayats is spent for the purpose for which it was sanctioned?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.